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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Papen ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/06
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
 SHORT TITLE EXPAND HOMELESS PROGRAMS & SERVICES SB 117
 ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 79, HB 239

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Human Services Department
 Department of Education

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 117 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of expanding access to programs and services for homeless persons.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the The University of New Mexico Homelessness Awareness and Advocacy Group about 35% of Albuquerque's homeless are chronically mentally ill or

mentally incapacitated. According to some estimates, between 25% to 75% of the homeless have substance abuse issues. They comprise the most obvious segment of the homeless to the general public. Yet, a substantial portion of the homeless (30%) are women and children. Families are the fastest growing sub-group of homeless people in Albuquerque, following the larger national trend.

At least 35% work part- or full-time.

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